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FROM : Information Control, GSO

COUNTRY : Germany (Russian Zone)

SUBJECT : Creation of a Political Police within the German Central Administration for the Interior.

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EVALUATION

REFERENCES

The German Central Administration for the Interior of the Russian Zone of Germany has been under close surveillance since its initiation, pending the possible emergence of a political police from within its ranks. The Railway and Water Police Division of the CAI, as well as the Allgemeine Abteilung, have both been noted for isolated instances of personnel straying into the field of law enforcement not germane to their assigned functions, and have subsequently been rumored without definite confirmation to be serving as cover for political police functions.

With the issuance of Soviet Military Administration Directive No. 201 (Denazification), the CAI was assigned the supervision of the implementation of the denazification laws which that Directive promulgated for the eastern zone of Germany, and was thereby provided a convenient opportunity, if such were intended, to create a political police branch within the CAI without letting it appear as such. The Directive instructs the German administrative organs to see that within a period of three months from its date, 13 August 1947, all former active Fascists and militarists are removed from all public and semi-public positions and from corresponding positions in all important private enterprises.

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